

# Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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**WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE** - Indiana's largest state operated property!

**Patoka Lake Interpretive Services** presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time  
Visit our website: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/)

## June 2009 Activities

### Thursday, June 4th

2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, Feathers, Fins or Fangs? What are the special features of today's guest? Come and take a look. Learn about Patoka's natural history. **vc**

### Friday, June 5th

10a.m. -3p.m. Resident Raptors **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**  
2p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ Enjoy a short nature video "Hummingbirds Up Close" as we explore the exciting world of these jewels of the garden. Eating spiders and raising their young, hummers are a welcome sight to our feeders and gardens. **vc**

### Saturday and Sunday, June 7th & 8th

**Free Fishing Weekend** ~ Everyone is invited to come and fish at Patoka Lake. No fishing license required. This is part of a statewide program to encourage Hoosiers to come out and enjoy sport fishing. The regular gate fee will apply.



### Saturday, June 6th

9 - 11:30a.m. **Kids Fishing Derby** ~ Kids, 12 and under, grab your fishing poles, bait and tackle box, family and friends and head on over to the Kids Fishing Pond located at the Modern Campgrounds. Bring lawn chairs, insect repellent, and coolers and enjoy a lazy Saturday morning fishing! Some supplies provided, while they last. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **ccs**



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10a.m. **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs. **vc**  
1p.m. **Life Along the Patoka River** ~ Hear stories of rural life including how people farmed and logged in this area. Take a look at an 1860's log home and experience the rich heritage and history of this southern Indiana area. **vc**

### Sunday, June 7th

10a.m. **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs. **vc**  
11a.m. **Garden Rock Loop Hike** ~ Bring family, friends, comfortable walking shoes and insect repellent for this half mile walk. We will take a look at the natural world around us and see what animals are out and about. **vc**  
1-3p.m. **Beach Activities** ~ Kids of all ages join the naturalist at the beach. There will be parachute games and water games of all kinds. Supplies will be provided. See you there! **b**

### Thursday, June 11th

10a.m. -3p.m. Resident Raptors **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**  
2p.m. **Birds of Patoka** ~ Learn about the common and several uncommon birds of Patoka and southern Indiana. Hear familiar bird songs and chirps. Discover how the type of food they eat is determined by each birds special features. Don't miss the exciting world of birds! **vc**

### Friday, June 12th

10a.m. -3p.m. Resident Raptors **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**  
2p.m. **Box Turtle** ~ Turtle in a box? A boxing turtle? Come and enjoy a close-up look at Patoka's resident turtle. Discover their habits and the laws protecting them. **vc**

### Saturday, June 13th

10a.m. **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs. **vc**  
11a.m. **Hummingbirds Up-Close** ~ With this exciting nature video, learn about hummingbirds, the jewels of the gardens. These quick and exciting winged wonders continue their lives, building nests from lichen mosses and spider webs. Learn more! **vc**  
9p.m. **Night Hike** ~ Join the naturalist for a journey through the woods. We will explore our nighttime senses and see how they differ from creatures of the night. Bring your family, friends and a good pair of walking shoes. Insect repellent is also suggested. Be prepared to enjoy the dark! We will meet at the shelter house just past the beach. (Signs will be posted) **b**

### Sunday, June 14th

10a.m. -3p.m. Resident Raptors **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**  
11a.m. **Hawks Up-Close** ~ Why are hawks called raptors or birds of prey? What are the special features or tools of the redtail hawk? Come and see a redtail hawk up-close. Learn why she can not fly. **vc**  
2p.m. **Gardening for Wildlife** ~ It's just the right time to plan and plant your gardens for butterflies, hummingbirds and other wildlife. Learn tips and tricks to water gardens, adding creative plantings of perennials and annuals. With trees and shrubs enjoy all the added features to create a wildlife wonderland for you and your family. Ideas and exciting plans wait for you at Patoka. **vc**

### Thursday, June 18th

10a.m. -3p.m. Resident Raptors **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**  
2p.m. **Eagles Everywhere!** ~ With a close-up look at resident bald eagle C52, explore the world of eagles around Patoka. Over 7,000 feathers on an adult bald eagle and other marvelous features allow eagles to take flight and pull food from the waters of Patoka. Discover fascinating facts about this species of raptor. **vc**

### Friday, June 19th

10a.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Wear comfortable shoes and join in a short walk as we share stories from Patoka's past. Was this trail split by an 1800's earthquake as the past settlers thought? Come and find out the answer and more as we hike through time. **vc**  
2p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ Cool down at the Visitor Center and enjoy watching a short nature program. Come join us and see what is playing today! **vc**

**Saturday, June 20th**

- 9a.m.     **Naturalist on the Move** ~ Keep a look out for the Patoka Naturalist. There may be a surprise or two around the Modern Campgrounds. Ask about the exciting Quest Program with new adventures for all ages at DNR State Parks & Reservoirs.   **vc**
- 2p.m.     **Cute and Cuddly Babies** ~ Some animal babies look like their parents and others do not. Enjoy a look at some mammals, birds and other animals beginning their lives around Patoka.   **vc**

**Thursday, June 25th**

- 2p.m.     **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, Feathers, Fins or Fangs? Come and see who the “special guest” is today!   **vc**

**Friday, June 26th**

- 10a.m. -3p.m.     Resident Raptors **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look.   **vc**
- 2p.m.     **Nature Flicks** ~ Surprises are in store for kids of all ages. Take a look at what’s playing indoors at the Visitor Center today.   **vc**
- 2p.m.     **Beach Activities** ~ Join the naturalist down at the beach for some fun in the sun! Sand castle building contest and much more.   **b**

**Saturday, June 27th**

- 10a.m.     **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs.   **vc**

**Sunday, June 28th**

- 10a.m. -3p.m.     Resident Raptors **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look.   **vc**
- 10a.m.     **Bugs & Insects** ~ Take a look at true bugs and some of the common insects of Patoka. Are butterflies insects? What are stink bugs? Learn about an Ant Lion and an Ichneumon as we explore the fascinating world of insects.   **vc**
- 1p.m.     **Life Along the Patoka River** ~ Hear stories of rural life including how people farmed and logged in this area. Take a look at an 1860’s log home and experience the rich heritage and history of this southern Indiana area.   **vc**
- 1p.m.     **Canoe/Kayak Adventure** ~ Bring your kayak or canoe (canoes available while supplies last) and meet the naturalist at the Visitor Center. From there we will car pool down to the Fisherman’s boat ramp. Enjoy an afternoon on the waters of Patoka as we look for area wildlife.   **vc**

**Star Party 2009**



**Saturday, June 27th**  
**Patoka Lake Beach**

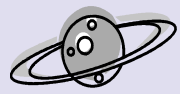
Families! Friends! Folks of All Ages!  
Discover nebulae, star clusters, galaxies and much more as we explore the wonders beyond the earth at Patoka Lake.  
Members of the Evansville, Louisville and Indiana Astronomical Societies, the Stonebelt Stargazers of Bloomington, IN and the Western Kentucky Amateur Astronomers share their knowledge of the universe.

Activities \* Crafts \* Programs under the Tent  
Night Sky viewing \* Electronic Imaging \* 25-30 telescopes

**Patoka Lake Beach**  
**1-4p.m. Talks and Presentations under the Tent**

**1-4p.m. & 6-9:30p.m. Kids Activities**

**9:30p.m. until dawn Observations OUT THERE!**



Bring lawn chairs, insect repellent, blankets, binoculars, preferred snacks, family , friends and red lights (if you have them).  
Join in an annual event at one of Indiana’s scenic public properties.  
The regular \$5 per vehicle (\$7 out of state) gate fee will apply.  
**See you there!**

**“Thunder Over Patoka”  
Fireworks**



**Saturday, July 4th**  
**Patoka Lake Beach**